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C O N F I D E N T I A L SOFIA WIVES OF PREMIER AND FOREIGN MINISTER

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1. WIVES OF BULGARIAN OFFICIALS TEND TO REMAIN VERY MUCH IN BACKGROUND. LITTLE IS KNOWN ABOUT THOSE WHO MIGHT ACCOMPANY HUSBANDS TO CSCE MEETINGS. NOTHING APPEARS ABOUT THEM IN THE PRESS. THEREFORE AVAILABLE INFORMATION ON WIVES OF PREMIER TODOROV AND FONMIN MLADENOV IS EXTREMELY LIMITED.
2. SONYA TODONOWN TO DEPARTMENT IS TWO INDICATIONS IN FILES THAT MRS. TODOROVA CAME FROM BULGARIAN JEWISH FAMILY. EMBASSY PERSONNEL HAVE HAD NO OCCASION TO BECOME ACQUAINTED WITH OR OBSERVE HER.
3. MME. MLADENOVA WAS BORN IN RUSSIA. SHE IS A PERSONABLE, SIMPLE HOUSEWIFE WITH CHARM BUT LACKING IN POISE AND INSECURE ALSO ABOUT THE PERMANENCE OF HER HUSBAND'S AFFECTIONS. (THIS INSECURITY, INCIDENTALLY, IS AMPLY JUSTIFIED AS HE IS KNOWN TO BE DISPORTING HIMSELF WITH ACTRESSES AND OTHERS TO WHICH, DUE TO HIS POSITION, HE CAN BE HELPFUL.) WE FIND THAT

MME. MLADENOVA, WHO SPEAKS A LITTLE FRENCH, RESPONDS BEST TO QUESTIONS ABOUT HER 10 OR 11 YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER.
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